

**Exchange of Letters  
between  
The Office of International Health Programs  
U.S Department of Energy, United States of America  
and  
Defence Research Establishment (FOA)  
Division of NBC Defence  
Umeå, Sweden**

The Office of International Health Programs (IHP), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Defence Research Establishment (FOA), agree to discuss a program of scientific collaboration and exchange in the field of radiation health effects research between IHP-supported scientists and scientists supported by FOA. The program will cover:

1. Exchange of information on radiation health effects
2. Exchange of information on environmental security issues in relation to the Kola peninsula
3. Cooperation in training activities
4. Exchange of materials, and scientific data, and
5. Other forms of cooperation, as agreed upon by both parties.

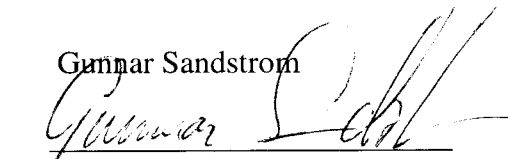
FOA will coordinate these activities with other Swedish agencies/institutes interested in radiation health effects, as required.

Subject to the availability of funds, and the laws and regulations of the host and sponsoring countries, the activities under this understanding will be conducted and financed in the framework of a mutually agreed Arrangement to be conducted within two (2) years.

This Exchange of Letters will become effective upon signature by both the parties and will remain in effect for two (2) years.

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